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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 June 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-7 are objected to because of the following informalities:
2. Claims 1-7 should be rewritten to comply with the requirements of MPEP 608.01 (I)-(P).
3. An independent claim should not start with " the".
4. Claim limitations in first occurrence should not be started with " the" (e.g., the identification surface in line 6 of claim 1 should be changed to an identification surface).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to

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consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Faulkner (U S 5,483,601) in view Neukermans et al (U S 6,122,394).

Regarding claim 8, Faulkner discloses device for biometrical personal identification that pertains to the hand characteristic geometry sizes containing the following:

a) identification surface designed to identify living matter when the user places its hand on the surface (figs. 13-18; element 100 and column 7, lines 19-22);

b) device illuminating the user's hand designed to create parallel beam of light in the identification surface area (column 5, lines 7-11 and column 13, lines 31-41);

d) Identification processing device connected to the user's hand scanning device (fig. 5, corresponds 30,40,50,60; column 8, lines 48-67; column 9, lines 1-18 and column 12, lines 49-63).

However, Faulkner is silent about the specific details regarding the step of:

c) the user's hand scanning device including photo-cell with memory unit only subject to presence of living matter on the identification surface.

In the same field of endeavor (personal identification), however, Neukermans discloses compact, simple, 2D raster, image-building fingerprint scanner comprising the step of:

c) the user's hand scanning device including photo-cell with memory unit only subject to presence of living matter on the identification surface (column 9, lines 47-49).

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It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use user's hand scanning device including photo-cell with the memory as taught by Neukermans in the system of Faulkner because photo-cell is a conventional device and it is useful for detecting the presence of the objects.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome claim objections set forth in the office action.

8. Claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Other Prior Art

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Rowe et al (U S 6,560,352 B2) disclose apparatus and method of biometric identification or verification of individuals using optical spectroscopy.

Rompel et al (U S 6,552,781 B1) disclose device for counting and/or sorting coins.

Hoffman (U S 5,615,277) discloses tokenless security system for authorizing access to a secured computer system.

Roustaei et al (U S 5,786,582) disclose optical scanner for reading and decoding one and two-dimensional symbologies at variable depths of field.

Morris et al (U S 6,454,408 B1) disclose shaped ophthalmic lenses.

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Contact Information

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to ABOLFAZL TABATABAI whose telephone number is (703) 306-5917.

The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mehta Bhavesh M, can be reached at (703) 308-5246. The fax phone number for organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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